

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2004-08

WHEREAS, I, John Hoeven, Governor of the State of North Dakota, by the authority vested in me, do hereby order that a fire emergency exists on all lands both public and private throughout North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, I further order that all state departments and administrators maintain fire response resources and capabilities at high levels of readiness to execute responsibilities pursuant to the State Emergency Operations Plan; and

NOW THEREFORE, this order is issued upon the following basis and for the following reasons:

- 1. The Governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution; and
- 2. The governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders to minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code; and
- 3. A coordinated and effective effort of all state departments is required to minimize the impact of disasters and emergencies in this state; and
- 4. Fire danger warnings from the National Weather Service and state and local emergency management and firefighting organizations indicate a potential severe threat to public and private property.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 2nd day of September 2004.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State